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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University basketball recruit BARRY JOHNSON (NORMAL-UNIVERSITY) will not enroll at EIU this fall, basketball coach Rick Samuels announced.

JOHNSON is academically ineligible. "Barry scored a 17 on the American Collegiate Testing (ACT) exam when he originally took the test. That would have been good enough to play but he did not take the ACT on a national testing date," Samuels said.

"When he retook the test on an official testing day, he didn't achieve a sufficient score. Therefore we do not plan on having Barry enroll at Eastern and lose a year of eligibility.

"We do still hope he can play at Eastern in the future. We're looking at two options right now and will encourage him to attend either a prep school or a community college."

JOHNSON was chosen Class A First Team All-State by the Associated Press, United Press International, Chicago Sun-Times and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

He also was the Cornbelt Conference 'Player of the Year'.